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1. BEFORE MAKING PITCH ON NEED FOR FIRMER LEAD BY JAPANESE CONVENER IN ACCRA (SEPTTEL), EMBOFF DISCUSSED WITH MOFA UN POLITICAL DIV DIR KOBAYASHI STATE OF PLAY IN CORE GROUP AND IN NON-ALIGNED CAPITALS, DRAWING ON REFTTEL AND PERIODIC REPORTS OF CORE GROUP MEETINGS. KOBAYASHI SAID REPORTS FROM NAC POSTS WHERE JAPANESE AMBASSADORS HAVE MADE APPROACHES INDICATE CONSIDERABLE SYMPATHY FOR OUR ENDEAVOR BUT, WITH EXCEPTION OF LIBERIA, LITTLE WILL TO STAND UP AND BE COUNTED ON ROK SIDE. EVEN SO, KOBAYASHI THINKS, DEMARCHES BY REPRESENTATIVES OF CORE GROUP COUNTRIES MAY IN THEIR ENTIRETY SERVE TO MODERATE NAC RESOLUTION ON KOREA; THUS EFFORT IS QUITE WORTHWHILE.

2. FOR MOFA THE MOST VEXING ASPECT OF EXERCISE AT PRESENT, KOBAYASHI SAID, IS THE CONTINUING VACILLATION OF THE ROK. HE WONDERED ALOUD IF THE TIME HASN'T COME FOR
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THE US TO TELL KOREANS UNEQUIVOCALLY THAT ROK HAS NO

CHOICE BUT TO FIGHT. EMBOFF REPLIED THAT TO AVOID COMPLAINT THAT US PLAYING TOO PROMINENT A ROLE IN SETTING FRIENDLY STRATEGIES ON KOREA QUESTION, POINT MIGHT BETTER BE PUT TO KOREANS IN CORE GROUP. KOBAYASHI SAID HE UNDERSTOOD US DESIRE TO WORK CLOSELY WITH CORE GROUP IN DECIDING STRATEGY, BUT QUESTION OF FUNDAMENTAL KOREAN DECISION TO FIGHT OR NOT TO FIGHT WAS ONE BEST RAISED SOLO BY US.

3. KOBAYASHI CONTINUED THAT FONOFF ALSO IS UNCERTAIN REGARDING US INTENTIONS. IT IS CONSIDERING SENDING SOMEONE, PROBABLY UN BUREAU DIRGEN OKAWA, TO WASHINGTON ABOUT THE MIDDLE OF JUNE FOR FIRST-HAND EXPOSITION OF US THINKING. EMBOFF SAID HE HAD HEARD DAS GLEYSTEN MIGHT BE IN TOKYO IN EARLY JUNE, AND IF SO WE ANTICIPATED GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS KOREA-RELATED QUESTIONS. KOBAYASHI WAS DELIGHTED TO LEARN GLEYSTEN TRIP CONTEMPLATED.
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